

Native American Indiana Affairs Commission  
Wednesday, September 27, 2006 (1:00 pm)  
Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians & Western Art  
Canal Level Board Room  
500 West Washington Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana

I. Call to Order and Noting of Quorum

A. Commission members present: John Quick, Brian Buchanan, Terry Stuff, Brian Fahay, Sue Uhl, Steve Hall, Robert Shula, Dark Rain Thom, Ray Gonyea, Rick Jones Reggie Petoskey, Clarence White,

II. Introduction of Commission

III. Agenda Approval

- A. Motion to accept agenda made by Brian Fahey and seconded by Terry Stuff.
- B. Motioned carried.

IV. Minutes

- A. Formal request for minutes/agenda to be published on website. Discussion followed regarding unapproved vs. approved. It was decided that unapproved minutes could be posted if they were so designated. It was requested that the minutes be posted in both PDF and Word formats. A formal request was made that the minutes be posted within two weeks of meeting and that the agenda be posted at least one week prior to the meeting.
- B. Dark Rain Thom moved to accept the minutes with corrections. It was seconded by Brian Fahey. Motion carried.

V. Announcements

- A. IUPUI Native American Conference Agenda
  - 1. Booth volunteers
  - 2. Discussion of agenda. Commission members were asked to try to make the 3:00 meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> in IUPUI Auditorium. The Education report will be presented.
- B. November meeting TBA
  - 1. November meeting will be held at the Eiteljorg on November 8 at 1:00
- C. Review Town Hall Badge Prototype
  - 1. Jon VanAtter from the Governor's office approved
  - 2. The Commission member approved
- D. Indiana Market success – INAIAC Booth – thanks to those who helped
- E. Chair to represent commission at IMHC (Indiana Minority Health Commission)
  - 1. Brian Buchanan will send out details about the fundraising event to be held November 14<sup>th</sup>.
- F. Dark Rain announcement
  - 1. East of River Shawnee Blessing – Land returned in Dark County Ohio

VI. Organization of the Commission

- A. Buster Landin submitted his resignation. Two spots open on commission. Commitment from the Governor's office to address this issue before the next

meeting

B. Election of Co-chair

1. Dark Rain Thom nominated Ray Gonyea and Terry Stuff nominated himself.
2. Secret Ballot requested – Ray Gonyea – 9 votes and Terry Stuff – 3 votes.
3. Terry Stuff objected to the secret ballot on the grounds that it violated the open door policy.

C. By-Laws

1. Discussion on committees
2. DWD Attorney feedback – see Robert Shula's email
3. By-law proposals – Brian Fahey discussed the proposal
  - a) Resolution to allow conferencing by phone or computer – See attachment
  - b) Motion made by Brian Fahey and seconded by Ray Gonyea to accept resolution allowing meeting by phone or computer.
4. Executive Committee/officers
  - a) Resolution to create executive committee – see attachment
  - b) Sue Uhl brought up several concerns about the wording of the resolution. Brian Fahey stood his ground. Without professional staff to support he believes his resolution is needed to accomplish the goals of the commission, otherwise it's a waste of time. Brian Fahey disagreed vehemently with Robert Shula on the subject. John Quick brought up the issue of the Open Door Policy. Dark Rain Thom said the commission should err on the side of caution regarding the Open Door Policy. The Resolution needs to be looked over by legal and the Governor's office before the commission move forward. Brian Fahey suggested taking the middle ground regarding the resolution. He suggested approving today and making changes later.
  - c) Motion by Steve Hall to amend by-laws to set up executive committee with the strike-outs and review by legal and seconded by Ray Gonyea. Motion carried 8 yes and 4 no.
  - d) Executive Committee will consist of Brian Buchanan, Ray

Gonyea, Reggie Petoskey and Brian Fahey

D. Letters of support/explanations committee – two people

E. Committee to outline goals – PR to publicize

1. Reggie Petoskey suggested first step should be committee to establish a Native American Directory. This committee will be Reggie Petoskey and Brian Buchanan. They have a report for the next meeting on November 8, 2006.

VII. Topics of Interest Expressed to Date

A. Historic Registry/State Recognition – See hard copy

1. Discussion on alternate methods, legislative action. Terry Stuff volunteered to head up study of issue along with Dark Rain Thom, Brian Buchanan, and Ray Gonyea.

B. Bill for Funding (License Plate Funds) (Legislative members not present)

1. Review Budget Proposal – Brian Fahey sent budget to Senator Waterman – see hard copy

2. Legislative Procedure (Committee/recommendation)

C. Discussion about finding within the State of Indiana

1. Ongoing log of reported findings

2. Rick Jones from DNR will set up log for commission
- D. Report on Sachem meetings
  1. Phil Wickizer (Gov's Counsel)
  2. Need movement from Governor's office
- E. Discussion on prison spirituality
  1. Committee members are Reggie Petoskey, Clarence White, Steve Hall and Brian Buchanan
  2. Discussion of Grand Prairie, Texas facility and Terre Haute facility.

Brian Fahey's research into Terre Haute revealed current federal requests for money for religious services. Focused on number of Native Americans – October 5 deadline for funding, various obstacles to applying by deadline

#### VIII. Future Topics

- A. No child left behind/child welfare
  1. Committee to study – tabled for now
- B. Committee to establish Native American Directory – Reggie Petoskey and Brian Buchanan

#### IX. Public Comments

- A. Johnny Flynn – IUPUI
  1. Education is the #1 issue
  2. IU Foundation has set up a scholarship for Native American Women
- B. Mr. Chris White
  1. Concerned about the unauthorized exhumation of his parents in Huntington

- C. Informational folders made
- Adjournment

RESOLUTION

INDIANA NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION

September 27, 2006

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Whereas the Indiana Native American Indian Affairs Commission (hereafter NAIAC) deems it necessary and desirable to make it possible for the Executive and other Standing

Committees to meet for the purpose of conducting the official business of the Commission otherwise than in person, given the frequent constraints of time and the great distances separating commission members;

Now, Therefore, the Commission hereby amends the By-Laws by two new subsections,

as follows:

“Section 2. Meeting by Telephone Conference Calls or by Internet-supported Conferencing Programs. Members of the Commission or any members of the Executive or other Standing Committees provided for by these By-Laws may call for and participate in such committee meetings by means of conference telephone or Internet-supported voice-based conferencing programs by means of which all members participating in the meeting can hear and be heard by each other, and participation by such means shall be deemed to constitute presence in person at such meeting.”

“Section 3. Quorum at Executive or Standing Committee Meetings. A quorum for the purpose of conducting business at any committee meeting shall be a majority of the members of the committee, whether attending in person or by remote voice-based means as set forth in Section 2 above.”

Respectfully submitted,

Brian J. Fahey

Resolution

(as corrected)

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## RESOLUTION

### INDIANA NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION

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Whereas the Indiana Native American Indian Affairs Commission (hereafter "Commission") deems it necessary and desirable to form an Executive Committee for the purpose of conducting the official business of the Commission;

Now, therefore, the Commission hereby amends the By-Laws by adding the following subsections, as follows:

Section 1. Executive Committee. The Commission, by resolution adopted pursuant to these By-Laws, may designate, in addition to the chairman of the Commission, three members of the Commission to constitute an Executive Committee, who shall serve during the pleasure of the Commission.

Section 2. Organization. The Executive Committee may choose a chairman and secretary. The Executive Committee shall keep a record of its acts and proceedings and report the same from time to time to the Commission. The Executive Committee shall prepare the agenda for each official meeting of the Commission. Section 3. Meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by any member of the committee. Notice of each such meeting shall be mailed to each member of the committee, addressed to his or her residence or usual place of business, at least two days before the day on which the meeting is to be held or shall be sent to such place by telegraph, telex, facsimile copy, by person, by telephone, or by email, not later than the day before the day on which the meeting is to be held.

Section 4. Quorum and Manner of Acting. Two members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the act of a majority of those present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Executive Committee. The members of the Executive Committee shall act only as a committee, and the individual members shall have no powers as such.

Section 5. Removal. Any member of the Executive Committee may be removed, with or without cause, at any time, by the Commission.

Section 6. Vacancies. Any vacancy in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian J. Fahey